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DEAR READERS

Summer's on its way and holiday time with it. I thought you might like to know Mike is now available throughout FRANCE and SPAIN as well as in NINE other European countries!

So on your hols you might like to see if you can spot a JEANS BANK. In France, the bank to look for is BNP which stands for "Banque Nationale de Paris" and in Spain it is the "Banco de Santander". Write and tell me if you see any.

And remember, MIKE's the only magazine to find you pen pals abroad. Just send me the coupon on page 13 and DO try to include a pic. The sort produced in those "passport-photo" booths are quite O.K. (and I know you always look better than your photograph!)

MIKE

HISSING SYD MEETS WIGGLY!

A couple of issues ago, we asked if any of you have pets with unusual names. It seems you have!

Dear Mike,

I have got a 12ft Indian Python called "Hissing Syd", a four-and-a-half foot Boa Constrictor called "Kahn", two Royal Pythons called "Sammy" and "Marty", a Corn Snake called "Cheq", a cat called "Cookie", a Coati Mundi called "Snoopy" and hundreds of stick insects. By the way, the Coati Mundi is related to the racoon family.

Debbie Fieldhouse, 15 Prospect Terrace, Ilkley Road, Riddlesdon, Keighley, West Yorks.

Cripes! Have you got a ZOO in there? (And how do you get stick insects unstuck?)

Mike.

Dear Mike,

My brother's pet is called "Ear'ole" and he is a hamster like you.

Yours, Matthew Jones, aged 13, 36 Maney Hill Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Strangest name I've ever HEARD of!

Mike.

Dear Mike,

I have a hamster also - it is too young to be able to tell whether it is a boy or a girl (it's not a very smart hamster, it won't tell me!). I have decided if it is a boy I will call it PRINCE GOLDEN PHOENIX and if it is a girl I will call it PRINCESS GOLDEN AUTUMN. We also have a cat. Her name is ATTACKITY, ATTACKITY, ATTACKAT.

Heather Mann (aged 11), 87 High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Excellent hamster names. But remember - all hamsters are brilliant!

Mike.

Dear Mike,

I have a dog named "Wellington". I also have a dog named "Nelson". We named him after Lord Nelson because he has a patch of brown fur over his eye. I also have two fish named "Splish" and "Splash".

Yours, Kerry Balshaw, 57 Hoyle Belgrave, Tamworth, Staffs.

"WELLINGTON" is certainly a BOOT-iful name!

Mike.

Dear Mike,

When my sister Joanne was about five she had a very unusual pet. It was a worm called "Wiggly". She dug it up in the garden and put it in a jar. Then she crept upstairs and put it under her bed. She didn't understand she couldn't take worms upstairs. My sister's name is Joanne. She is nine years old and she is also a member of the Jeans Scheme. Must go now - we love the mags.

Julie Bresnen.

What a creepy "TAIL".

P.S. Send me your address, Julie. I think "Wiggly" qualifies for a little prize!

Mike.

Dear Mike,

I have two pets. A dog called "GEMMA" and a bird called "PEPI PAETZA DOM DAY CATTERA". He is a Zebra Finch.

Yours, Angela Reynolds, 7 Sleaford Grove, Hall Green, Birmingham.

What a beak-ful! It's enough to make a ZEBRA FLINCH!

Mike.

MIKE

in:

THE GOLDEN PALETTE

LISTEN TO THIS, MIKE! "THE JELLYVILLE GALLERY IS STAGING THE GOLDEN PALETTE COMPETITION, OPEN TO ALL YOUNG ARTISTS! BIG CASH PRIZES!" SOUNDS AS IF YOU COULD MAKE SOME EXTRA POCKET MONEY WITH YOUR PAINTS!

JELLYVILLE GAZETTE

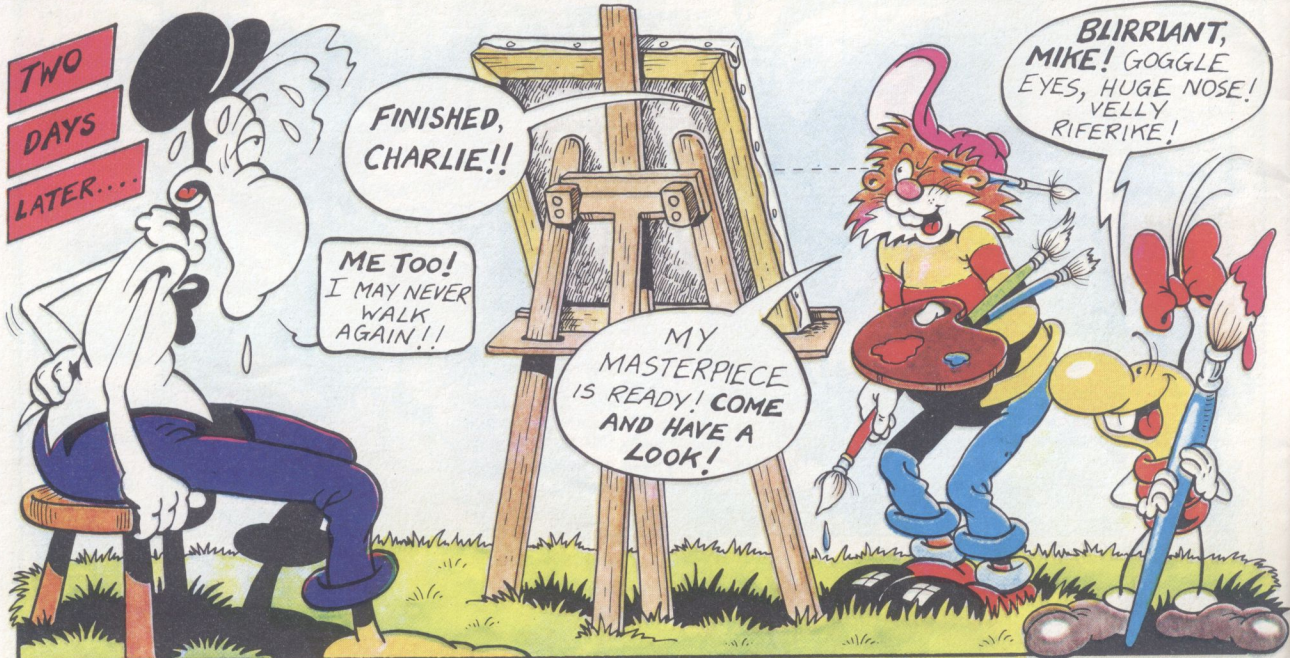
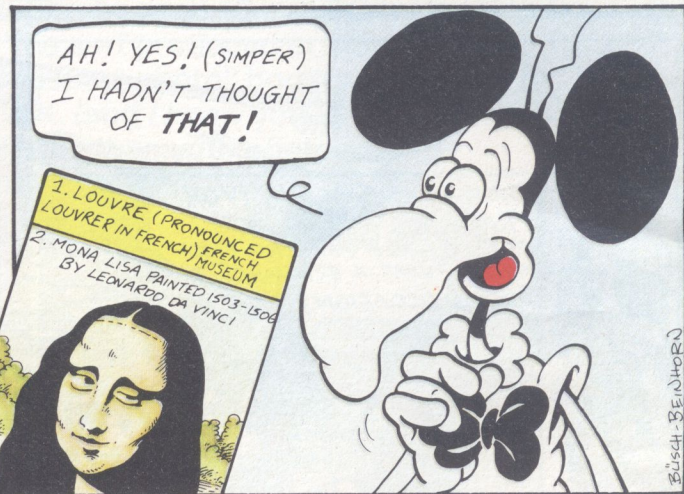
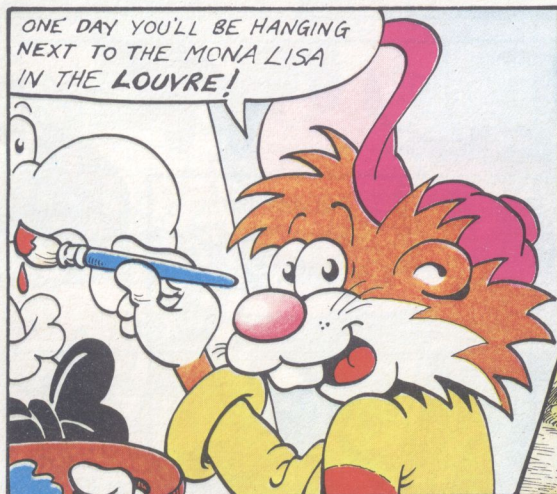
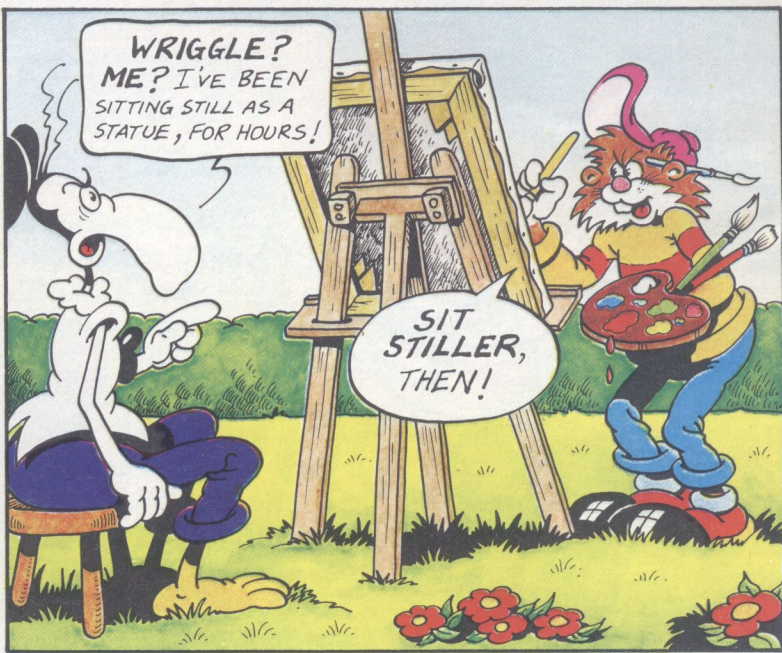
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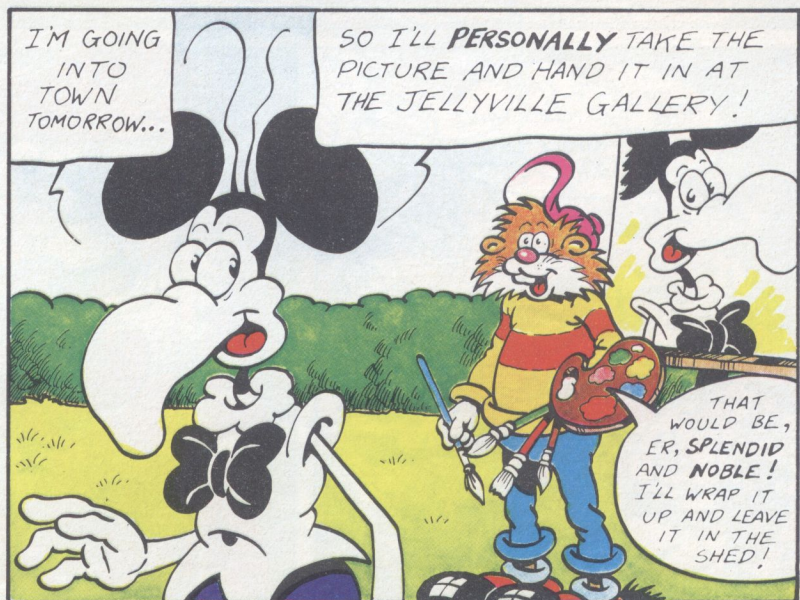
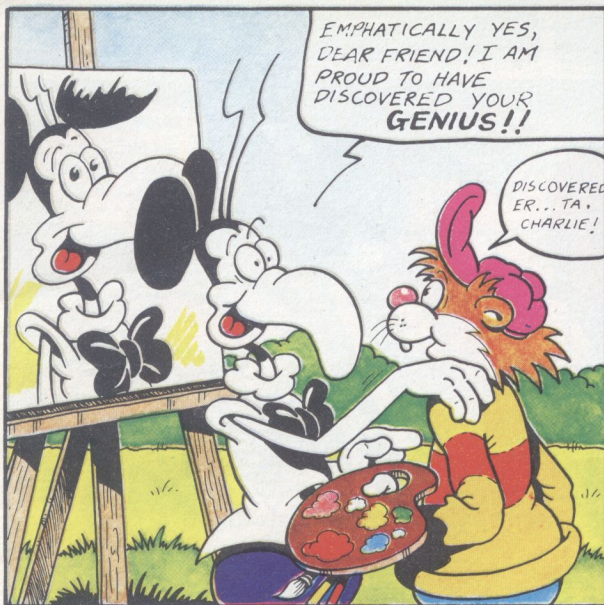
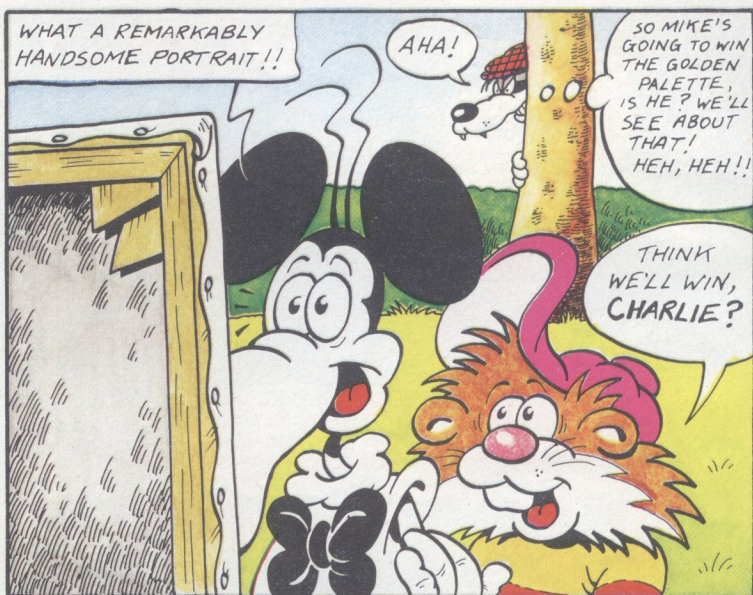
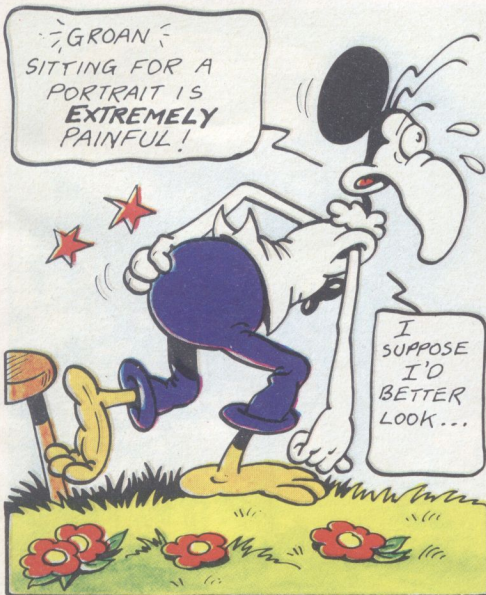
SAYS HERE THAT **SIR IVOR FRAUD**, THE FAMOUS ART DEALER, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES! WHAT A BRILLIANT SOCIAL OCCASION!

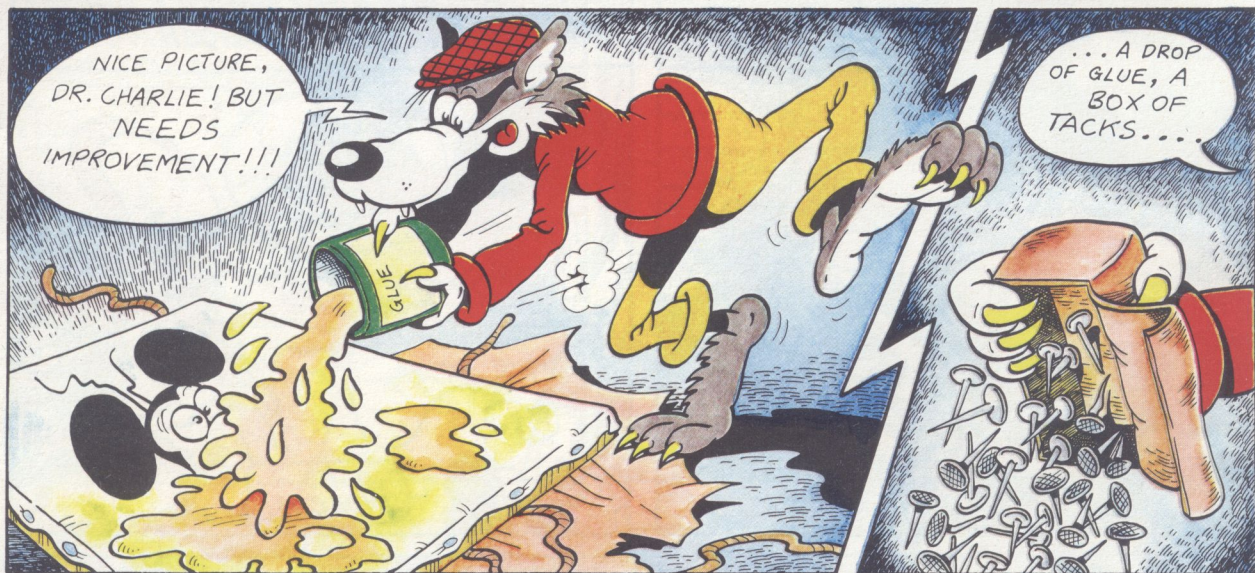
TITLES MEAN NOTHING TO ME, DAD! FOR I AM AN **ARTIST!**

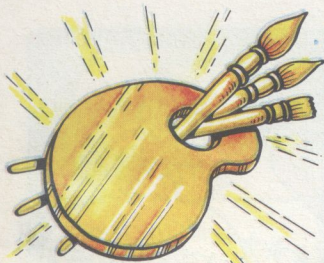
COULD I PLEASE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO **BREATHE NOW?**

YOU CERTAIN WINNER, MIKE! YOU BLIRRIANT PAINTER, GOOD AS LEMBLANDT, PICASSO!



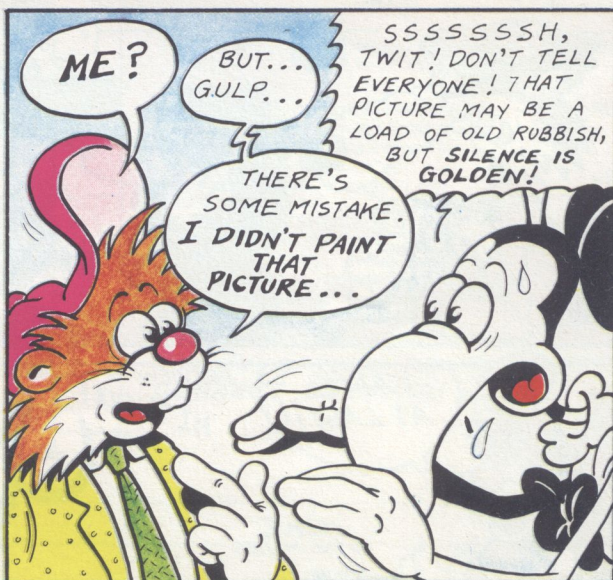
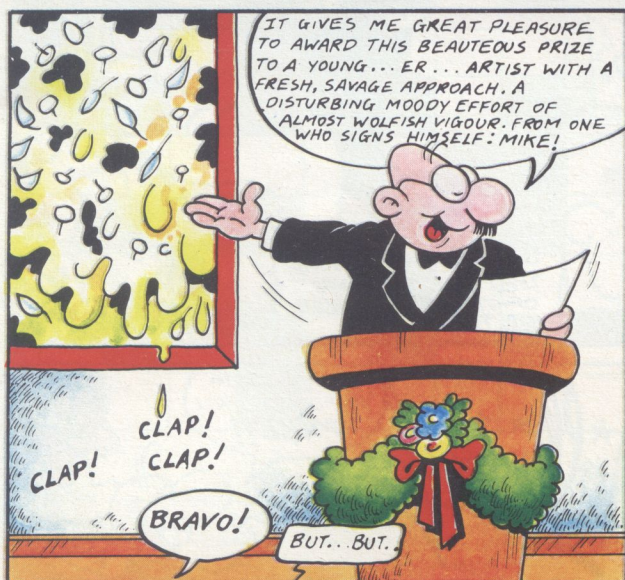
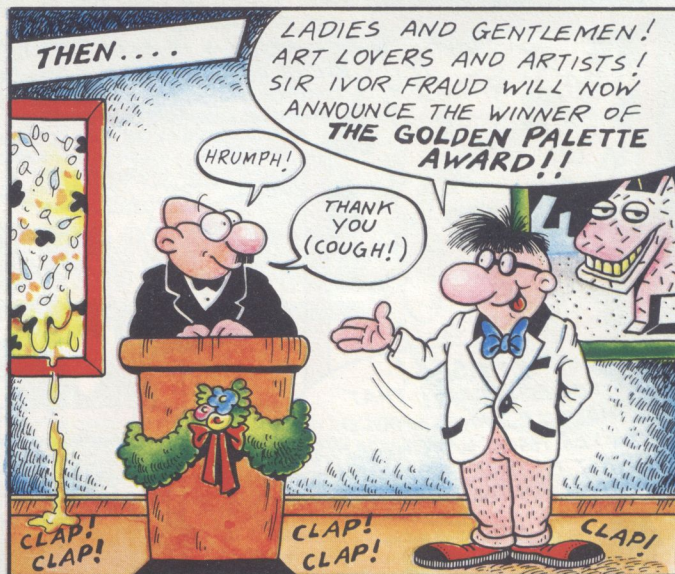
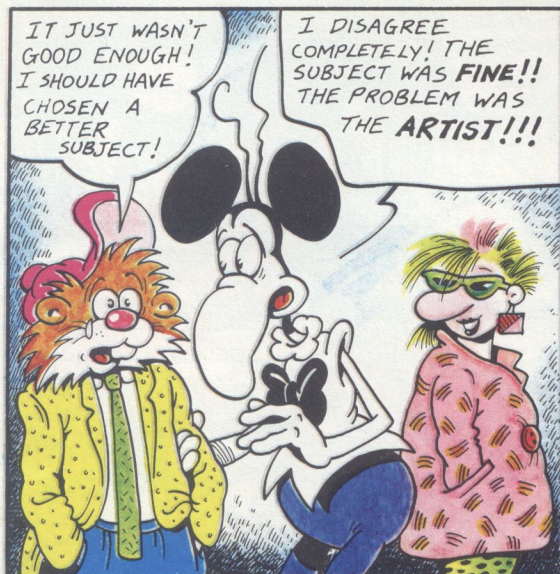


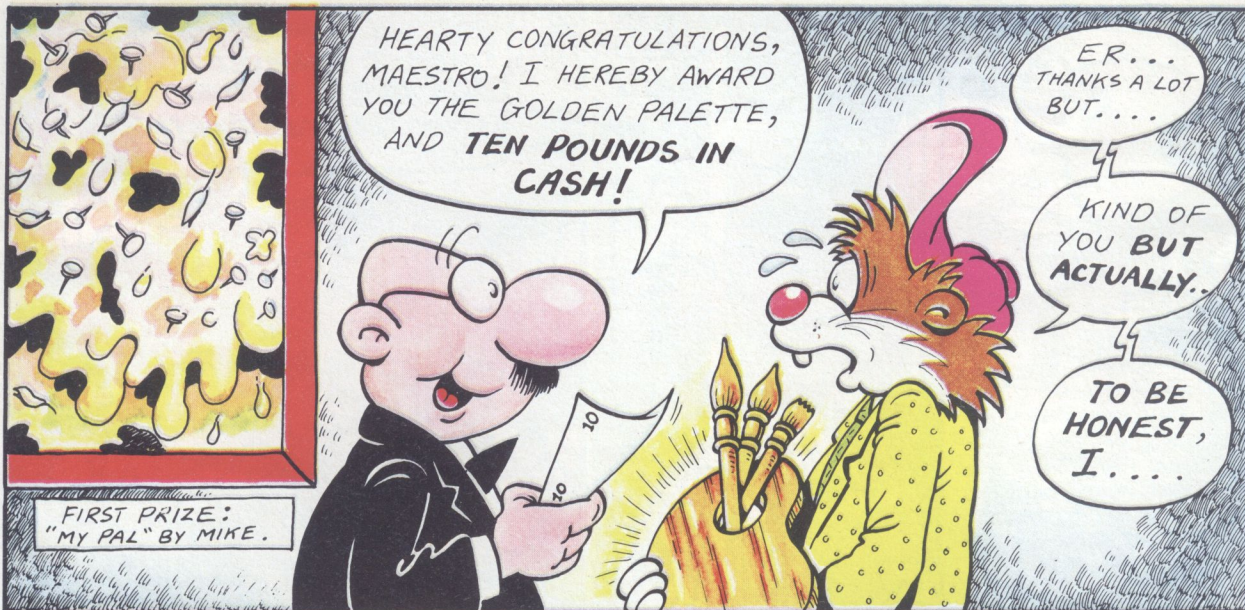




THE BIG DAY ARRIVES.....

PAINTERS AND ART-LOVERS FLOCK TO THE JELLYVILLE GALLERY FOR THE JUDGING OF THE GOLDEN PALETTE AWARDS. MIKE DOESN'T LOOK TOO HAPPY. CAN IT BE THAT SOMEONE HAS PINCHED HIS PICTURE??





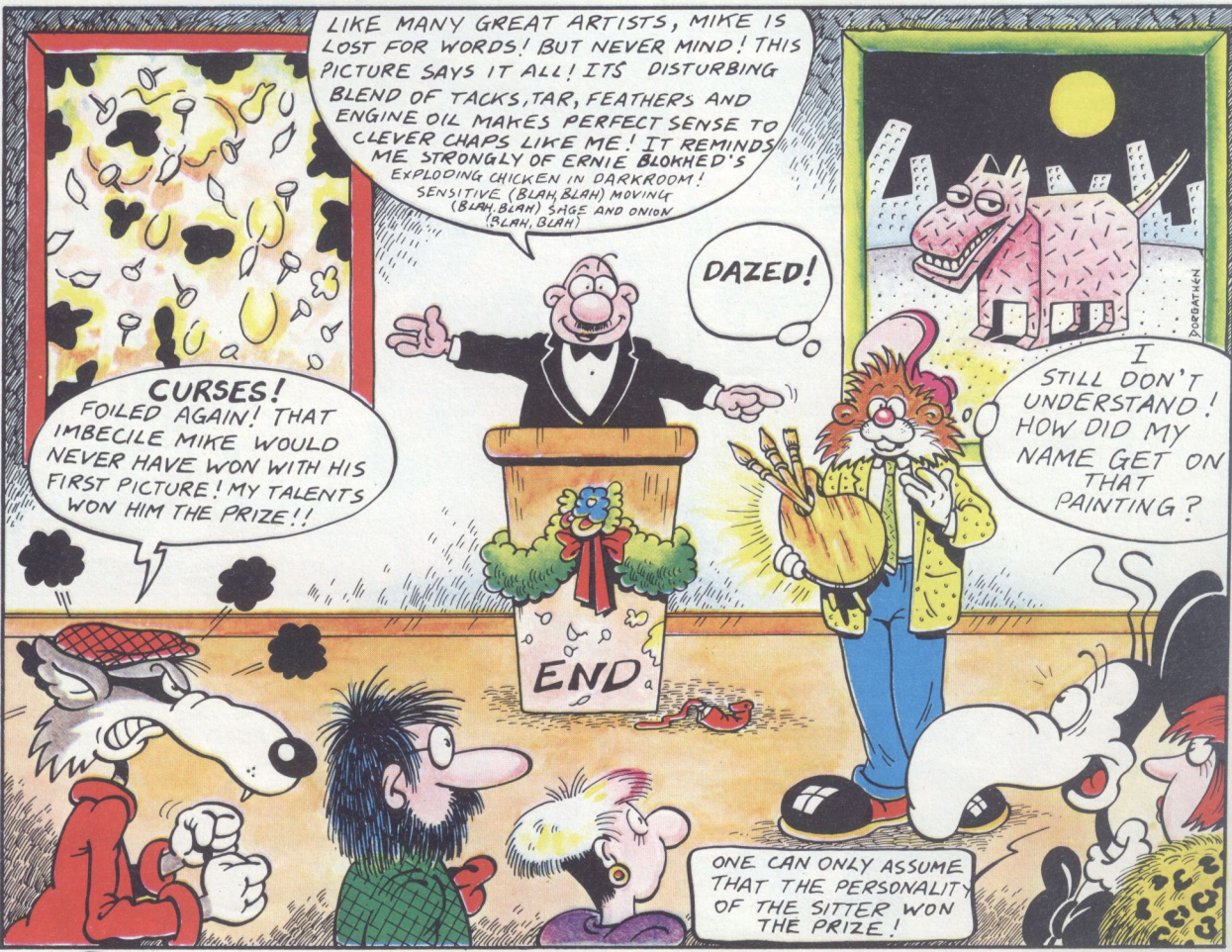
FIRST PRIZE:
"MY PAL" BY MIKE.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS,
MAESTRO! I HEREBY AWARD
YOU THE GOLDEN PALETTE,
AND **TEN POUNDS IN CASH!**

ER...
THANKS A LOT
BUT....

KIND OF
YOU **BUT**
ACTUALLY..

TO BE
HONEST,
I....



LIKE MANY GREAT ARTISTS, MIKE IS
LOST FOR WORDS! BUT NEVER MIND! THIS
PICTURE SAYS IT ALL! ITS' DISTURBING
BLEND OF TACKS, TAR, FEATHERS AND
ENGINE OIL MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO
CLEVER CHAPS LIKE ME! IT REMINDS
ME STRONGLY OF ERNIE BLOKHEED'S
EXPLODING CHICKEN IN DARKROOM!
SENSITIVE (BLAH, BLAH) MOVING
(BLAH, BLAH) SAGE AND ONION
(BLAH, BLAH)

DAZED!

CURSES!
FOILED AGAIN! THAT
IMBECILE MIKE WOULD
NEVER HAVE WON WITH HIS
FIRST PICTURE! MY TALENTS
WON HIM THE PRIZE!!

I
STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
HOW DID MY
NAME GET ON
THAT
PAINTING?

ONE CAN ONLY ASSUME
THAT THE PERSONALITY
OF THE SITTER WON
THE PRIZE!



**FAME
AT LAST!!**

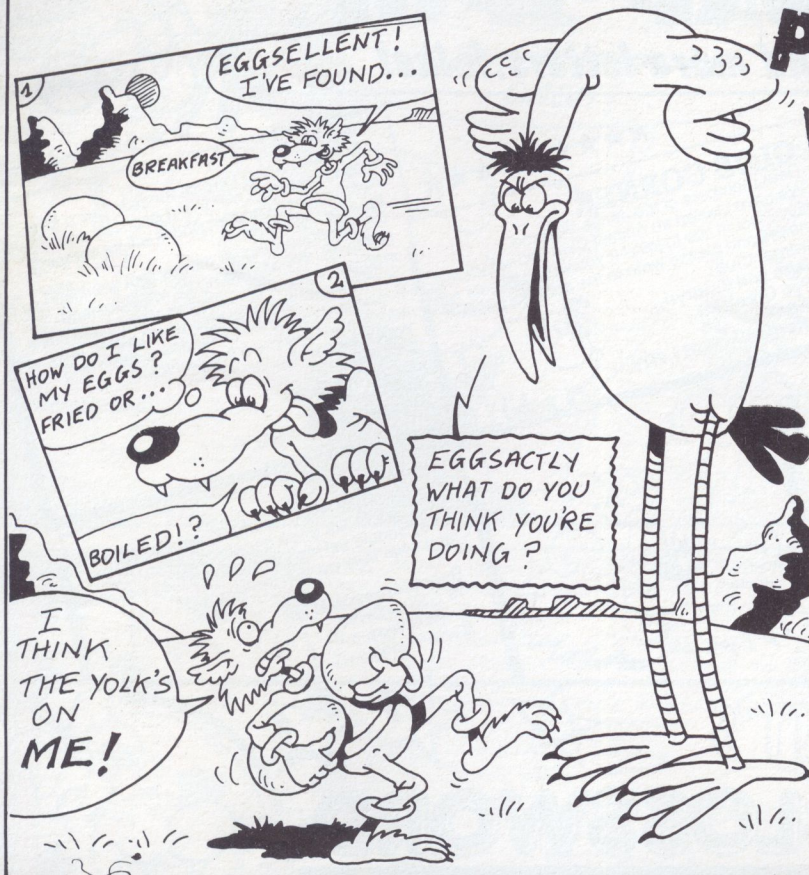
**MIKE
IN THE MOVIES**

PREVIEW:
HI THERE!
FROM

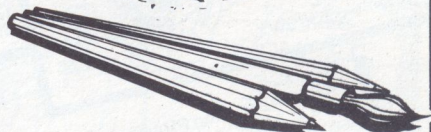
Hollywood

**PLIDE COME
BEFORE A FALL
MIKE!!**

Ravenous Rodney in: SCRAMBLED!



PRIZEWINNERS



Winner:

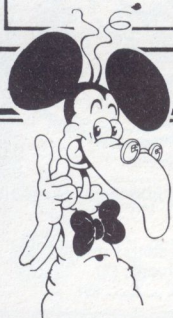
Julie Shadwick
4 Henley Way
Musborough
Rotherham
Age: 10½ yrs

2nd Prize:

Margaret Woodley
8 Middle Street
Newcastle on Tyne NE6 4DF
Age: 11 yrs

3rd Prize:

Nicholas Barton
5 Kings Drive
Wigston Magna
Leicester LE1 4AG
Age: 8 yrs



DR. CHARLIE SNARK'S GUIDE TO SECRET WRITING

A few issues ago I promised to demonstrate a SECRET CODE that would FOOL A COMPUTER! Well, HERE IT IS!!

The Snark Superior Code

Write out the alphabet as a grid, combining I and J. Now you'll have a square, five letters by five letters. Number the Square across the top and down the side. You will see that the positions of letters can be explained by two numbers. For instance, "A" can be explained as "11". "C" can be explained as "13". "Z" can be explained as "55".

This is a fairly good code, but it is not difficult to crack. To make it foolproof, you need a KEY WORD. Write your KEY WORD along the top row, and follow it with the alphabet, omitting the letters you've already used in the KEY WORD. Try it with SNARK:
Now, nobody who doesn't know the KEY WORD can solve the code! Tell it to your friends – but don't tell it to anyone else!

Try this, using the SNARK key word!

52 24 34 34 23 41 12 24
W E L L D O N E

And this – solution page 16

31 14 24 13 44 22 41 23 24

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I/J	K
3	L	M	N	O	P
4	Q	R	S	T	U
5	V	W	X	Y	Z

	1	2	3	4	5
1	S	N	A	R	K
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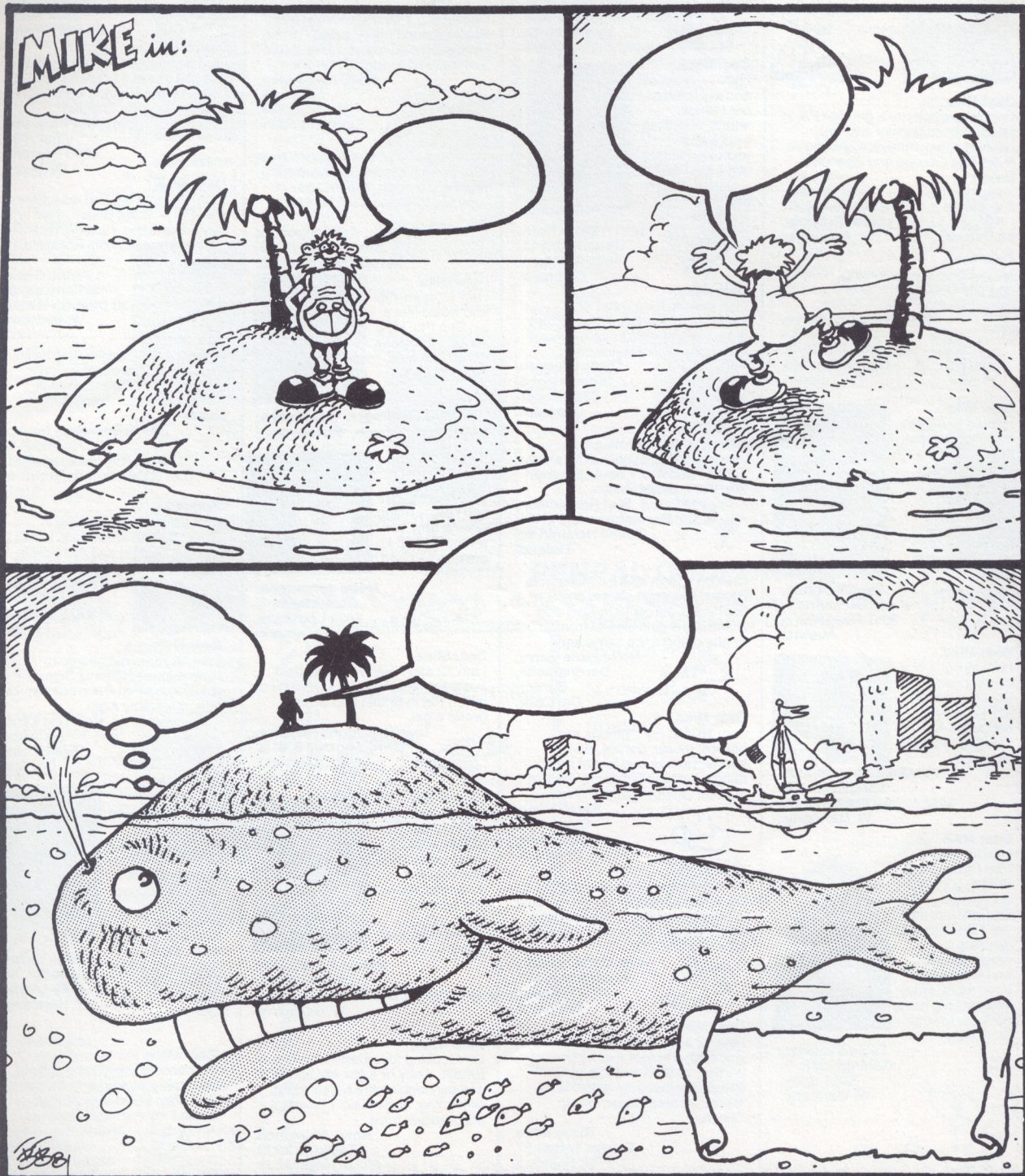
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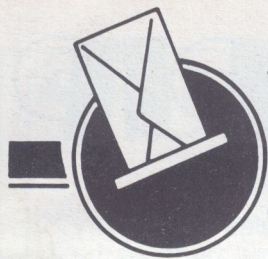
CARTOON STRIP WRITER

Here's your chance to write the words for a REAL comic strip! Fill the bubbles with a story of your own, and send it to MIKE! We'll PRINT the winner – and there are special pens for the best three entries! And don't forget to think of a title!

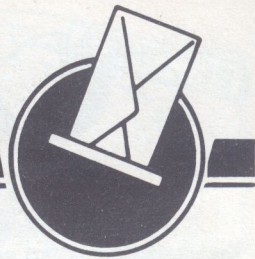
Name _____

Age _____ Address _____



**MIKE'S**

Pen-Pal Spot



Write to someone overseas - it's great fun!



Dear Mike,
I would like to have a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain. I am 11 and my hobbies are gymnastics and music (I like Boy George and Spandau Ballet).



Lisa Hersild,
Solsikkevej 37,
3650 Ølstykke,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are swimming, reading and pop music. I am 12 and would like a girl Pen Pal from Britain.



Natalia Castre Heres,
C/Cencepcien,
Arenal n°7/1 izqda,
Gijón, Asturias,
Spain.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy Pen Pal in Great Britain. I am 10½ years old and I like riding, swimming, football, dancing and music. My favourite animals are horses and dogs.



Sandra Johnne,
Auf der Bunte 7,
3057 Neustadt 2,
Austria.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy or a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain. I am 12 and my hobbies are riding, music and stamps.



Daniela Schmidtman,
Langstrasse 7,
3253 Hess-Oldendorf 15,
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a Pen Pal in Great Britain, although I don't write English very well yet. I like drawing, listening to music, animals and inventing. I have many more interests but have no room to write them here.



Tanja Vanzetta,
Rehingoldstr. 1,
5401 Spay,
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I would like a Pen Pal from England, preferably a girl who is around 12 years old. I am 11 years old but will be 12 in July. I go to the Presentation Convent Primary School.



Amraine Rasool,
Ballintotis,
Castlemartyr,
Co. Cork.

Dear Mike,
I am 12 years old and my hobbies are friends, letters, shooting, music and animals. I would like a girl Pen Pal - please send a photo with the first letter.



Mette Horn,
Baneringen 12,
3660 Stenløse,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a Pen Pal in England, preferably in the Oxford area. I am 11 years old, a girl and my hobby is sports dancing.

Dorte Clausen,
Digevenget 5,
8330 Beder,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I like ski-ing, swimming and reading. I am 10 years old and have a sister who is 6. I would like a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain.



Sari Hännäläinen,
Porslahdenkuja 2H31,
00980 Helsinki 98,
Finland.

Dear Mike,
I live on a farm about 6 miles from Bantry. I've got 4 sisters and 3 brothers. I will be 12 in April and would like a girl Pen Pal from England about the same age.



Rosemarie Barry,
Derryvahalla,
Bantry,
Co. Cork.

Dear Mike,
I am 10 and my interests are horses, music, parties, riding, sports, clothes and lots of other things. I am looking for a Pen Pal but don't mind a girl or a boy.



Sarah Veng,
Stradet 26,
4600 Køge,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I'm a girl aged 14 and would like to know lots of people of my own age in other countries. Everyone who writes will get an answer - please send a photo.



Anja Maria Jensen,
Postmosen 118,
3400 Hillerød,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 and would like a Pen Pal in England, a boy or a girl. I like boys, parties, football and lots of other things. My favourite music is by Nena, Twisted Sister, Duran Duran.

Rikke kilde,
Bringe Toften 57,
2750 Ballerup,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I am 11 years old and I would like a Pen Pal aged 11 or 12, a girl or a boy. I like reading, swimming, pop music (Nik Kershaw and others).

Lisa Porter, 47 Lezayre Park,
Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain around my own age, 12. My hobbies are ski-ing, reading, music, running, swimming and tennis.



Heidi Kankainen,
Niitytie 3,
72100 Jämsä,
Suomi/Finland.

Dear Mike,
I would like to write to a girl in Great Britain. My interests are swimming, playing the violin, slalom and listening to music. I am 10 years old.

Kati Sipponen,
Sukkarilank 8C16,
94100 Kemi, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I am 11 years old and would like a girl Pen Pal. I like riding, swimming, music, animals and camping.



Tanja Fleitlinger, Waldhohl 6,
7519 Epp/Rohrbach, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a Pen Pal in England. I am 12 and I enjoy riding, sewing and writing letters. I like children and horses.



Mette Jørgensen,
Lodehøjvej 7,
8831 Løgstrup,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I am 12 and I like to read, collect postcards and football. I would like a Pen Pal in Britain and would prefer a girl.



Ivan Redriguez Palacies,
C/Ruiz gomez 8, 6° B,
Gijón (Asturias),
Spain.

Dear Mike,
I would like a Pen Pal in Great Britain. I am 12 years old and my interests are collecting stamps and mineral rocks. I like animals and the countryside.



Benda Konstantin,
Hübichweg 37c,
3362 D-Bad Grund (Harz),
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a Pen Pal in Great Britain, a boy or a girl. My age is 12 and my hobbies are horse riding, swimming, and music. I have got a dog and two mice.

Kaisa Heikkinen,
Tallikuja 2D39,
00330 Helsinki 33,
Suomi/Finland.

Dear Mike,
I would like someone to write to in English, preferably a girl. I am 12 years old and my hobbies are reading, collecting stamps, and playing the piano.



Kirsi Tepponen,
Möntytie 4,
73300 Nilsio,
Suomi/Finland.

Dear Mike,
I like animals, especially horses. I ride and I have a horse named Rez. I am 11 years old and would like a girl Pen Pal from England.

Elisabeth Pedersen,
Villavej 51,
8700 Horsens,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I am 15 years old and would like a Pen Pal in Great Britain, a girl or a boy. I like riding, reading, music - listening and playing, English and Latin.



Astrid Buske,
Brilonerstr. 38,
4620 Castrop-Rauxel,
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I like athletics, reading and listening to music. My favourite group is Duran-Duran. Please write in Spanish if possible and send a photo.

Marta Bascaran Fanege,
C/Uria P-27/
Pise Principal izquierda,
D.P. 33003 Oviedo, Asturias,
Spain.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy Pen Pal in England aged around 13. I am 12 and like reading and computers. I also play tennis and basketball.



Kaisa Kyläkoski,
Matintie 8,
32800 Kokemäki,
Finland.

Dear Mike,
I am 10 years old and go to Newcestown National School. I would like a Pen Pal around my own age, preferably a girl.



Catriona Lynch,
Mawmore,
Enniskoeane,
Co. Cork.

Dear Mike,
I am a fan of David Bowie and Billy Joel and would like to write to a boy who likes their music too. I also like acting, swimming, dancing and animals. Please write soon, I will answer all letters. I can write in English or German.



Nina Ulrich,
Kurte Str. 13,
3160 Lehrte,
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are skating, ski-ing, swimming and singing. I would like a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain around my own age which is 10.



Janina Honkaniemi,
Ulvilantie 7027,
00350 Helsinki 35,
Suomi/Finland.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 years old and would like a girl Pen Pal. My hobbies are reading, swimming, listening to music, skating, collecting coins and stamps. Please write in German and send me a photo.



Tanja Wittrock,
Samernsche Str. 42,
4443 Schüttorf,
W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
I would like a boy or a girl Pen Pal the same age as me - 10. I play volleyball and football and my favourite subject at school is maths. My favourite animals are elephants and I like listening to cassettes.



Viola Weber,
An der Sägerei 2,
2805 Gr. Hackenstedt,
W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
I am looking for a Pen Pal in the UK, a boy or a girl. My interests are playing the accordion, collecting stamps, ski-ing, table tennis, roller-skating, cycling and music. I am 12.



Nicola Hendorf,
Hochstr. 10,
6209 Heidenrod 9,
W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
I am nine years old. I like horse riding, roller skating, cycling and swimming. I don't mind if my Pen Pal is a boy or a girl or where they come from.



Sallian Henstock,
20 King Charles Avenue,
Bentley, Walsall,
West Midlands.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl Pen Pal in England. I am 11 and my hobbies are riding, playing the piano, stamps good books, school! Long rides in the countryside.



Sonja Schäfer,
Vogelsbergstr. 24,
6326 Romrod-Strebendorf,
W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
I would like a Pen Pal from England, a boy preferably. I am 11 and am interested in computers and pop groups (my favourite is Wham). I also like TV.

Adrian Crowley,
1 Brendan Ville,
Glasheen Road,
Cork, Eire.

Dear Mike,
I want a Pen Pal of my own age in the UK. I am 12 and would prefer a girl Pen Pal. My interests: sports, dancing and listening to music (my idols: Shakin Stevens and Duran Duran).

Meaya Masumba,
Tåstrupgardsvej 111 2TV,
2630 Tåstrup,
Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I would like a Pen Pal in England, a boy or a girl. I am 10 years old and my hobbies are reading and writing. My favourite pop group is Wham.



Lisa Ryan,
Gartnaerusha,
Ballinspittal,
Kinsale,
Co. Cork.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl Pen Pal between 12 and 14 years old; I am 13. I can write in English or German and will answer every letter. My interests are playing handball, riding, swimming, ski-ing, reading, writing letters, music (Alphaville & Depeche Mode) and travelling.



Claudia Damerau, Bieberstr. 8,
5760 Arnsberg 1 - Holzen,
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain aged around 12. My hobbies are reading, gymnastics, playing music, writing letters, needlework and English. Please write in English.



Jutte Hannarwald,
Auf den Eich 3,
6251 Niedermelsen,
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 11 and would like a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain. I play the accordion and like reading, animals, ski-ing, listening to cassettes, writing letters and reading Micky Mouse comics. I can write in English or German.



Ulla Böhler,
Jahnstr. 4,
D-7257 Ditzingen,
W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
I am 13 and enjoy reading. I would love a Pen Pal in Britain.

Andres Fernandez,
C/Martinex Marina 17-1B,
Oviedo, Asturias,
Spain.

Dear Mike,
How are you? I am 14 and would like a Pen Pal of my age. I like reading, going to parties and visiting friends, football, rock and pop music.

Estibalitz Galardi,
C/Mayer n 41 "Larramendirena",
Irun (Gipuzkea), Euskadi,
Spain.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a Pen Pal aged between 13 and 15, a boy or a girl. I enjoy listening to music (Alphaville, Duran Duran, Billy Joel, Tears for Fears), relaxing and reading (Pop magazines and Mike). I can write in English.



Susanne Peppel,
Scharnhorststr. 18,
4402 Greven 1,
W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 and would like a girl Pen Pal who is also 13. I would like someone living in the Margate area. I like collecting rubbers, swimming, dancing and writing letters.



Mandy Eastwood,
35 West Road,
Farnborough,
Hants GU14 8EZ.



Dear Mike,
I am 12 and would like a Pen Pal in Great Britain. My hobbies are football, reading, swimming, stamps, writing letters and cycling.



Maik Handlos,
Hinterforste 10,
6470 Bûd-Rohrbach,
W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
I am a 13-year-old girl from Spain. I would like a Pen Pal in Britain and I don't mind what age. My hobbies are writing, dancing, basketball and reading. Please write in English or Spanish.

Isabel Inglesias,
Plaza del 6 de Agosto 1,
I drcha, Gij n,
Spain.

Dear Mike,
I am hoping for a Pen Pal in Great Britain. I love America and Americans. I like Nena, Nik Kershaw and Duran Duran. I am 17.

Susi Leister,
(with friend)
Dresdener Str. 1c,
6750 Hanau 1,
W. Germany.



PENPAL COUPON

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE!

Christian Name _____

Surname _____

Age _____

Street _____

Town _____

U.K. _____

I'd like a Boy _____ Girl _____ Penpal (tick one)

From: ☐ U.K.

☐ Denmark

☐ Spain

☐ Netherlands

☐ Ireland

☐ Belgium

☐ Germany

☐ Austria

☐ Italy

☐ Finland

☐ France

(tick one)

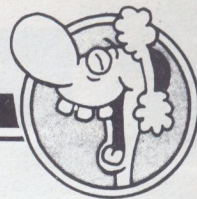
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My Hobbies and Interests are:

Cut out coupon and return to MIKE!

HA!HI-HI!HO-HO!



Q: What does Dracula have for breakfast?
A: DREADED WHEAT!
 Dinal Vekaria (8),
 35 Heigham Road,
 East Ham,
 London E6.



He: Did You know that someone has
 invented a device for looking right through
 walls?
She: yes – windows!

FIRST DOG: My name's FIDO, what's
 yours?
SECOND DOG: I'm not sure, but I think it's
 DOWN BOY!
 David Smith (13),
 7 Circus Avenue,
 Chelmsley Wood,
 Birmingham.



Q: What swings from a tree wearing a bowler
 hat?
A: A TSB BRANCH Manager!
 Dinesh Vekaria (12),
 35 Heigham Road,
 East Ham,
 London E6.
 Club Code No: 600195.



Q: What's red, black and white?
A: A sunburnt penguin!
 Claire and David Aanensen,
 31 De Vere Gdns,
 Ilford, Essex.



Q: Where do you find a dog with no legs?
A: Where you left it!

Andrew Smith,
 7 Circus Ave.
 Chelmsley Wood,
 Birmingham.



Q: Why should bald men sleep with their
 heads out of the window?
A: Because they need FRESH HAIR!
 Beverley,
 17 Greenwich Road,
 Llandaff,
 Cardiff.



Q: Why was the strawberry crying?
A: Because his Mum got in a jam!
 Andrew Malster (11),
 7 School Cote Terrace,
 Holmfied,
 Halifax, West Yorkshire.
 Club No: 277557.



Q: What is an ig?
A: An eskimo's house without a loo!
 Heidi Marwan,
 3 Fern Ave.,
 Middlesbrough St.,
 Hull.

Knock, Knock.
 Who's there?
 Ye little ol' lady.
 Ye little ol' lady who?
 I didn't know you could yodel.



JACK: What's the difference between a
 rhinoceros, a lemon and a tube of glue?
BOB: I don't know.
JACK: You can squeeze a lemon but you
 can't squeeze a rhinoceros.
BOB: But what about the tube of glue?
JACK: I thought that's where you'd get
 stuck!

Mike arrived for work an hour late. His
 clothes were torn and tattered, he was
 banged and bruised and he had one arm in
 a sling. The Editor was purple with rage.
 "It's 10 o'clock", he screamed.
 "You were supposed to be here at 9 – what
 happened?"
 "I'm sorry", explained Mike. "I fell out of a
 ten-storey window."
 "That took a whole hour?"
 Eric Ingham,
 1 Molton Rd.,
 Childwall,
 Liverpool.



Q: What goes zzub zzub?
A: A bee flying backwards.
 Steven Smith,
 41 Doveridge Rd.,
 Birmingham.



Knock, Knock.
 Who's there?
 Felix.
 Felix who?
 Felix my lolly once more I'll thump him!
 Helen Twiss,
 Lime Tree Cottage,
 Crewe Green,
 Cheshire CW1 1N.

Q: What is green and small?
A: A boy sprout!
 Michelle Thompson (12),
 6 Poachers Lane,
 Latchford,
 Warrington,
 Cheshire.



Q: What's small, white, furry, has two eyes,
 a long tail and a trunk?
A: A mouse going on holidays!
Q: What's small, brown, furry, has two eyes,
 a long tail and a trunk?
A: A mouse coming home from holidays!
 Andrew Owen,
 28 Brynheulog,
 Penygader,
 Llanelli,
 Dyfed,
 S. Wales.



Write to Mike
 B.M.C. U.K. Ltd.,
 School Gardens,
 Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ.



DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Dear Readers,
 Your letters are POURING
 in! Really I am most pleased! If
 it carries on like this, I shall
 need an assistant! Mike has
 applied for the job. But if he
 worked on this page he would
 spend all his time laughing at
 the jokes and that would be a
 very bad thing. Choosing jokes
 is no laughing matter, I can
 assure you!

Let me remind you once
 again that I award VALUABLE
 PRIZES for the *worst* knock-
 knock joke and the *worst*
 riddle. keep sending them in!
 yours responsibly,
 Dr. Charlie Snark
 Your Joke Editor

VEGETARIAN: I've lived on nothing but
 vegetables for years.
BORED LISTENER: That's nothing, I've
 lived on Earth all my life!
 Dovid Pink,
 62 Cavendish Road,
 Salford.



Q: What do you call an elephant with no teeth?
A: A Gumbo!
 Samantha Woodhead (10),
 22 Central Drive,
 Shirebrook,
 Nr. Mansfield.

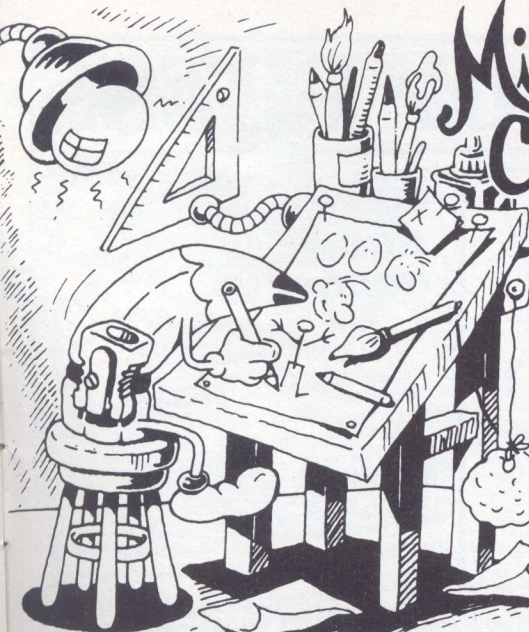
Q: What's a twip?
A: It's when a wabbit has a
 wide on a twain.
 Sanjwan Kohli,
 3 Norley Dr.,
 Sale,
 Cheshire.



Mike's DRAWING CLASS

SHAKE
HANDS WITH YOUR
PENCIL,
AND LET'S
GO!

ANYONE CAN
DRAW! ALL YOU NEED
IS A BRILLIANT
INSTRUCTOR, LIKE ME!
OH, AND A PENCIL AND
PAPER!! FIRST, MAKE
YOUR BASIC SHAPES, THEN
FILL IN THE DETAILS!



THIS
ISSUE:

RABBITS

Dear Mike

I was wondering if you could draw some guinea pigs for May's drawing page because my guinea pig is very ill and he is called Gilbert. I was also wondering if you could call one of the drawings Gilbert. If you are not sure what he looks like I will tell you, he is dark brown but he is not one of those long haired ones.

Love from Angie

65 Brown Avenue,
Church Lawton,
Stoke-on-Trent.



Gilbert.



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MIKE'S HEROES

David Douglas

David Douglas was born in 1799 in the small village of Scone, in Scotland. His teachers did not like him, since he often played truant. What they didn't know was that while absent from school, he was studying plants in the fields and woods. His parents found him a job as a gardener. But what he wanted was to be a botanist. By dint of sheer hard work he caught the eye of Sir Joseph Hooker, Professor of Botany at Glasgow University. At the age of 24, Douglas was sent to collect new plants in America.

The West Coast of America was almost entirely unexplored. Plant collecting was not just a matter of finding new types of plant and sending them home. It meant battles with hostile Indians, canoe-trips down roaring rapids, nights sleeping in the rain without camp fire or supper. Sometimes he was so near starvation that he had to eat the plants he had collected. He climbed the two highest peaks in the Rocky Mountains, and was the first white man to see the California Redwood, the world's biggest tree. He met his end in Hawaii, gored to death by a wild bull.

Douglas' name isn't commonly known. But the plants he brought back to Britain grow in every park and garden, field and wood. His exciting life didn't make him famous – but he did more to change the world than people much more famous!

MIKE



Q: What do you call a man with a registration plate on his head?

A: REG.

Q: What do you call his brother?

A: R-REG.

Q: What do you call his late brother?

A: X-REG.

Michelle Thompson

Poet's Corner

Dear Mike,

Please would you print my poem. I would like to write professionally one day and having my own poem printed would be a good start.

WINTER

Snowflakes falling
Children calling
People dashing
Cars crashing.

Snowflakes are falling
Landing on our heads
Mother is calling

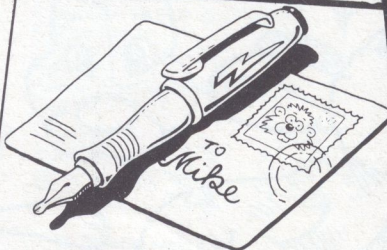
"Keep well wrapped up or you'll be in your beds."

Children are calling
"Come out and play!"
Slipping and falling
who cares, it's all part of the fun today.

People are dashing
Shopping to get
Through puddles they are splashing
And hoping they aren't in debt.

Cars are crashing
Accidents pile up
People should stop dashing
In bad weather, 'cause if they don't
You just guess where they'll end up.

Claire Cunningham, 22 Ennerdale Drive, Frodsham, Cheshire.



Write to Mike

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Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ.

RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RECIPE

Rodney's Sugar Cookies

This will make about 30 cookies and they will keep well.
You will need:
8oz (200g) soft butter
6oz (150g) sugar
1 teasp. vanilla
14oz (350g) plain flour
1 level teasp. baking powder
cinnamon and sugar to roll the cookies in.
Heat the oven to 400° or Mark 6

Cream the sugar and butter and vanilla together. Sift the flour and baking powder and mix the butter mixture. Make little balls of dough by rolling it into shape in the palms of your hands. Then roll them in the sugar and cinnamon. Put them on a greased baking tray and bake until they turn brown and the surface is cracked. Cool on the rack.
Sgrrumptious!!!

Code Solution

GREAT CODE

Mum's the word!

Dear Mike,

My mum reads your mag every time I get it from the TSB. Could you find her a pen pal? You see she's a bit shy of writing to you herself. She's 43, her name's Mrs. Edna Hillyard and she'd like a lady about her age. She's got a great sense of humour and loves playing jokes on me. Maybe one of your pen pals might like to nominate their mum to write to my mum.

Stephen Hillyard (13).

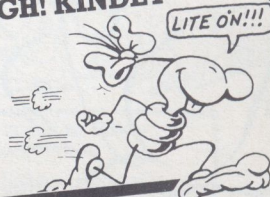
Thanks, Stephen. Trouble is you didn't include your address. Let me know what it is and I'll pass on any pen pal requests we get. Your mum sounds great.
Mike.

Mr. Blirriant's HILARIOUS LIDDLE!!

Q: What does a spaceman shave with?

A: A LASER BLADE!!

AAAARGH! KINDLY LEAVE THE PAGE!!



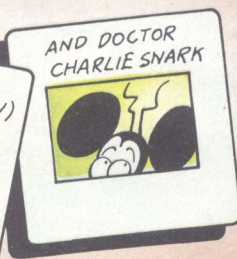
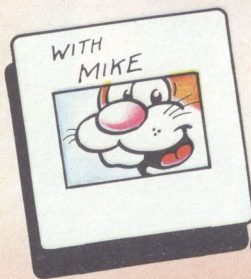
Dear Mike,
I have written to say "Hi!" and thanks for the cat pictures. I am going to show you an easy way to draw Tweetytype:
P. S. I think your comic is ACE!

Dawn Porter (11),
34 Birch Ave.,
Brigg,
South Humberside,
DN21 8AP.

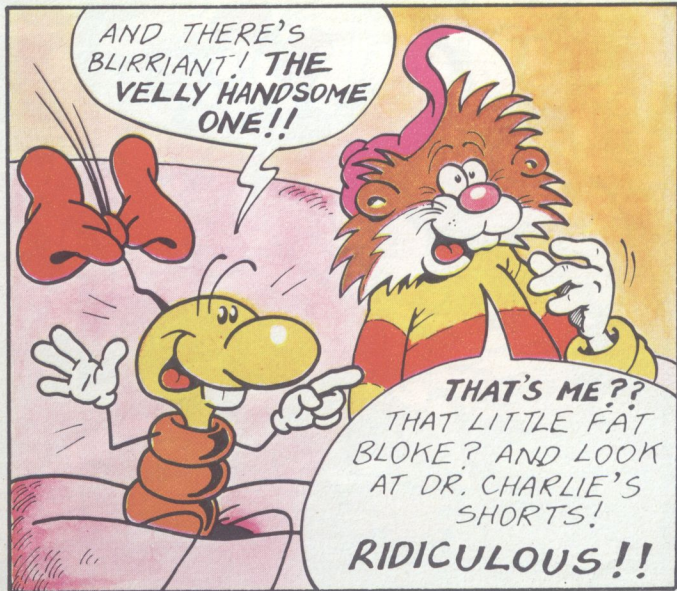
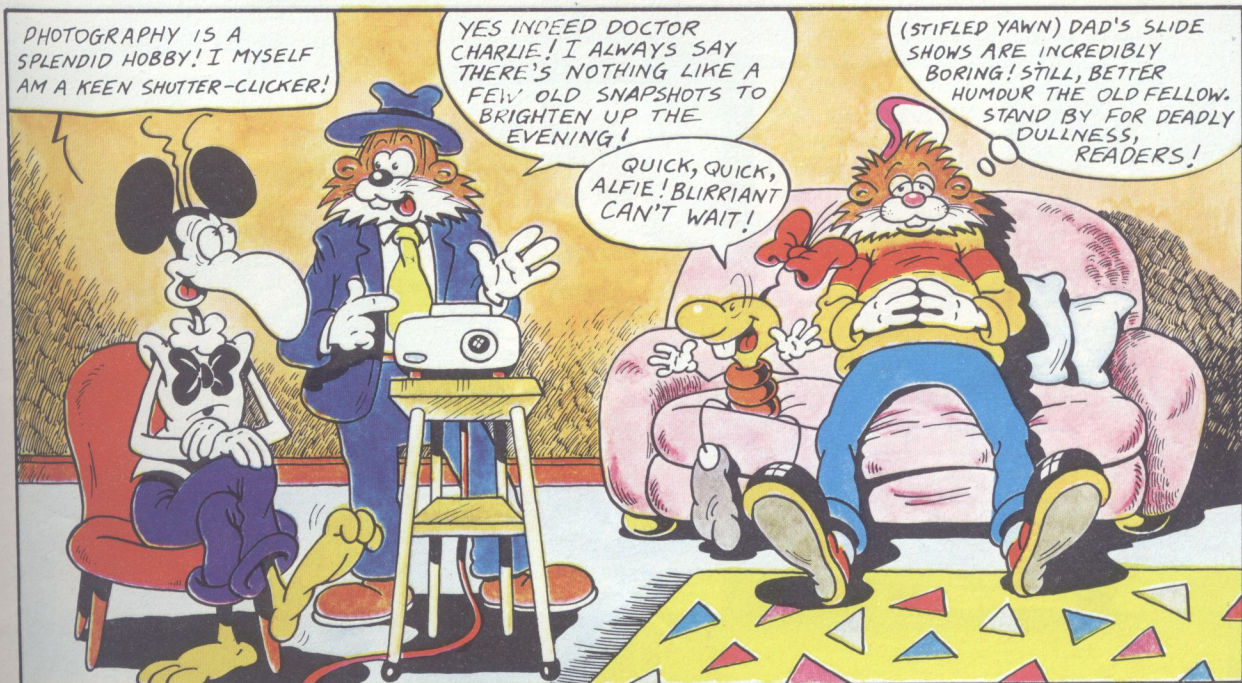




ALFIE'S SLIDE SHOW



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NEXT
ALFIE!!



CLUMSY
OAF,
MIKE!



THAT'S WHEN
YOU WERE IN THAT
PANTO, PLAYING
AN IDIOT! SUITED
YOU DOWN TO
THE GROUND,
THAT PART!

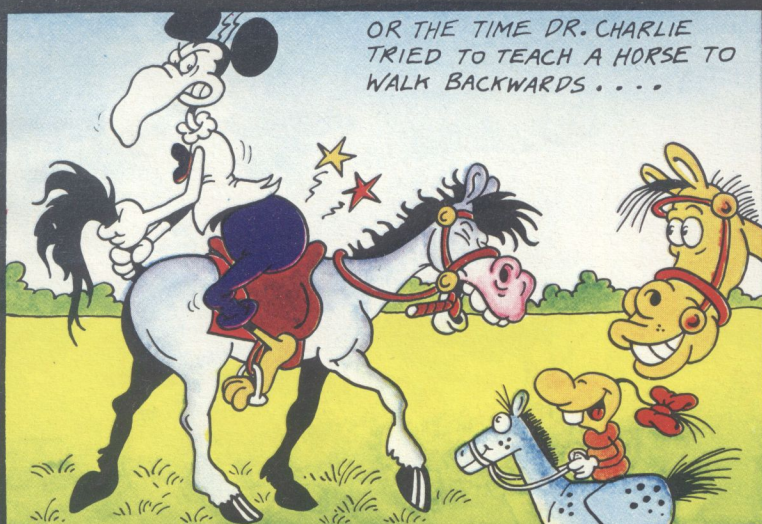


AND THERE ARE HORACE AND BORIS, THE IGNORANT
OUTLAWS FROM JELLYVILLE FOREST! YOU CAUGHT THEM
SHOPLIFTING, REMEMBER? GOOD REWARD YOU GOT, TOO!



HOW ABOUT
THE TIME MR.
BLIRRIANT
TOOK OVER AS
CHEF AT THE
HOTEL DE
POSH, AND
MADE HIS
FAMOUS CHOP
SUEY A LA
DUSTBIN!

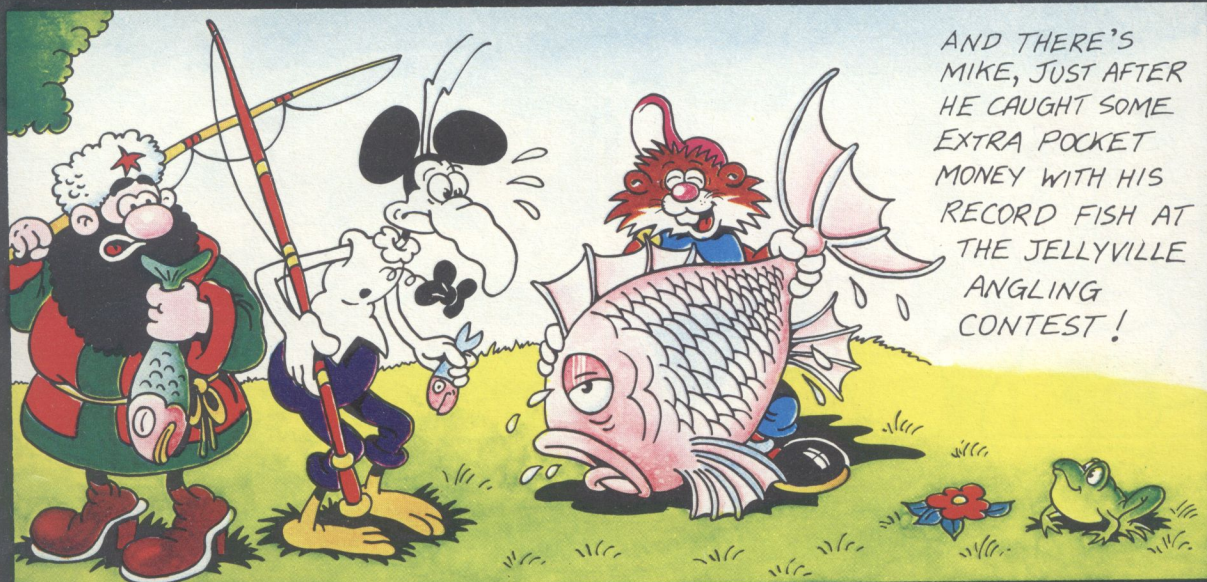
OR THE TIME DR. CHARLIE
TRIED TO TEACH A HORSE TO
WALK BACKWARDS



DEAR ME!
WHAT A
PAINFUL
EPISODE
THAT WAS!



AND THERE'S
MIKE, JUST AFTER
HE CAUGHT SOME
EXTRA POCKET
MONEY WITH HIS
RECORD FISH AT
THE JELLYVILLE
ANGLING
CONTEST!

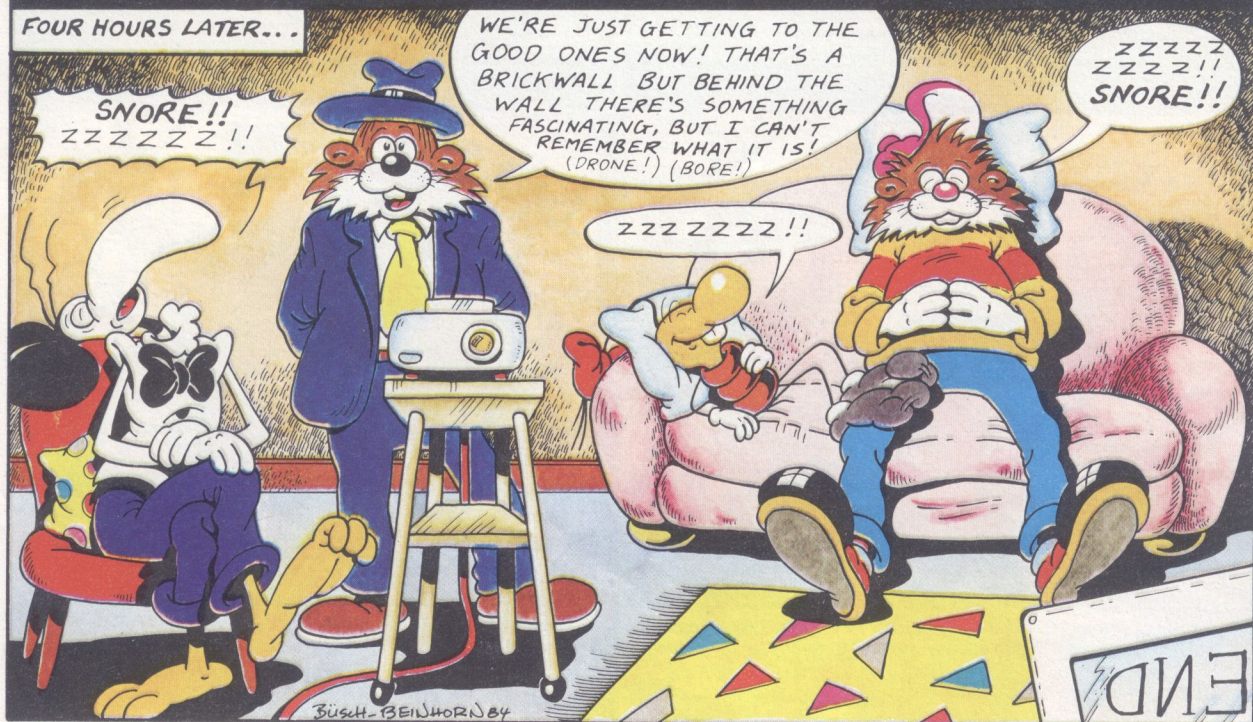
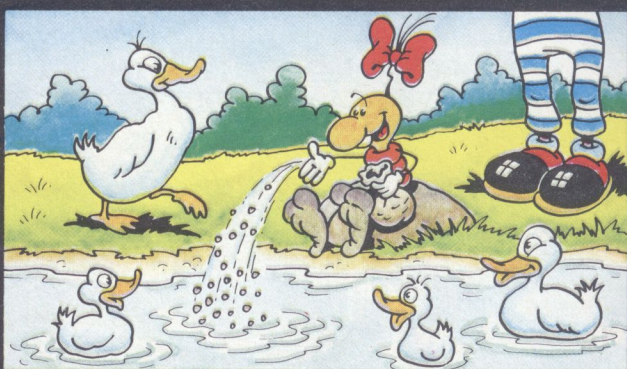
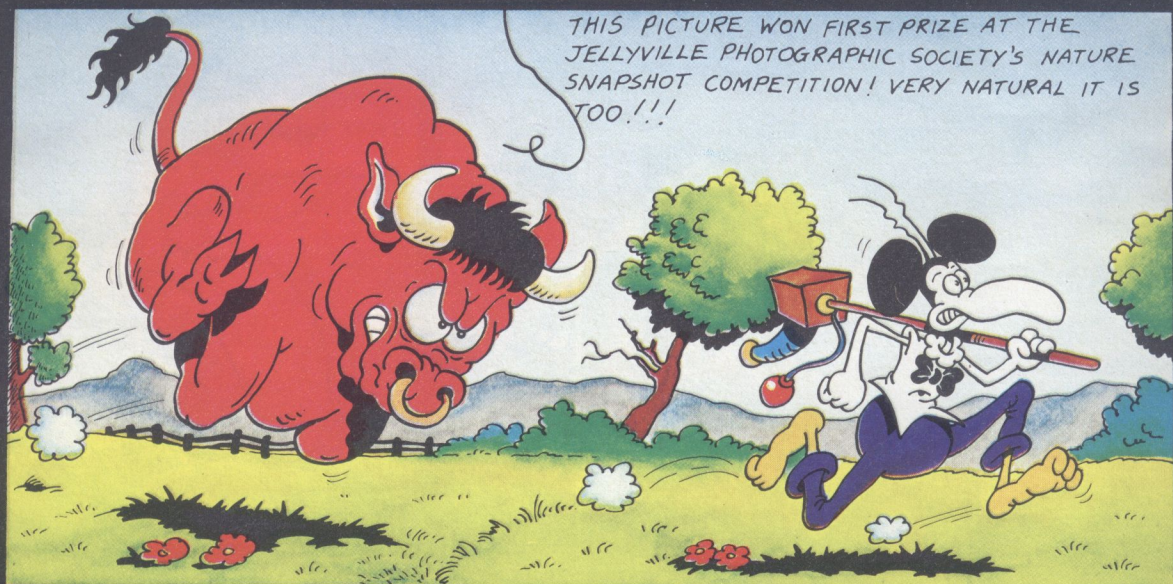


THAT LOOKS LIKE UNCLE THEO'S PET SHOP! REMEMBER
WHEN YOU WERE TRYING TO EARN A COUPLE OF POUNDS
AS A MENAGERIE MANAGER, AND THE OCTOPUS
TRIED TO EAT A CUSTOMER FOR LUNCH?



RAVENOUS RODNEY WOLFE'S BURGLAR'S
BREECHES! HE FILLED 'EM UP WITH FROZEN
CHICKEN, AND THEY MELTED! OLD RODNEY
CERTAINLY SLIPPED UP THAT TIME!!







MUG

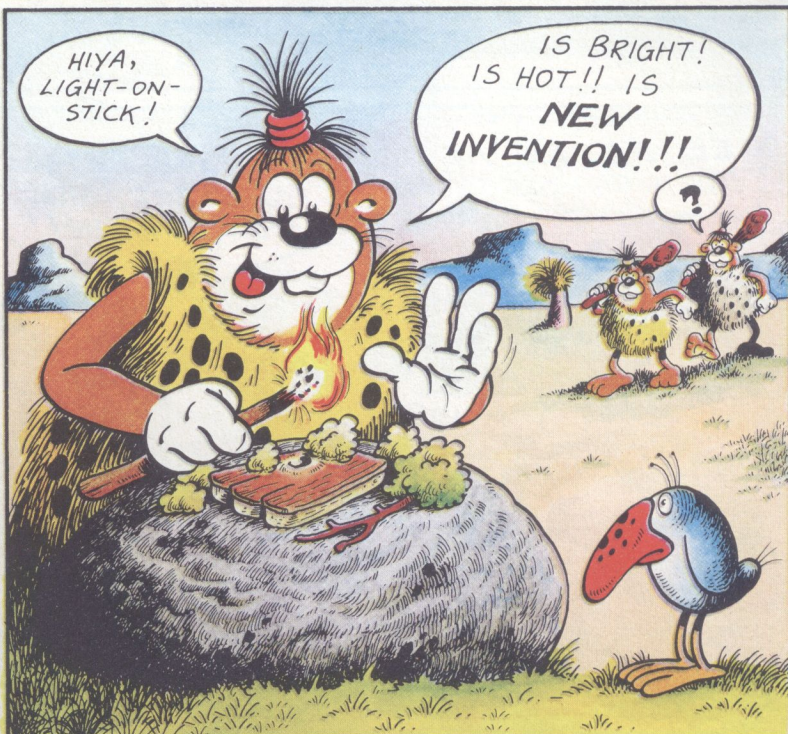
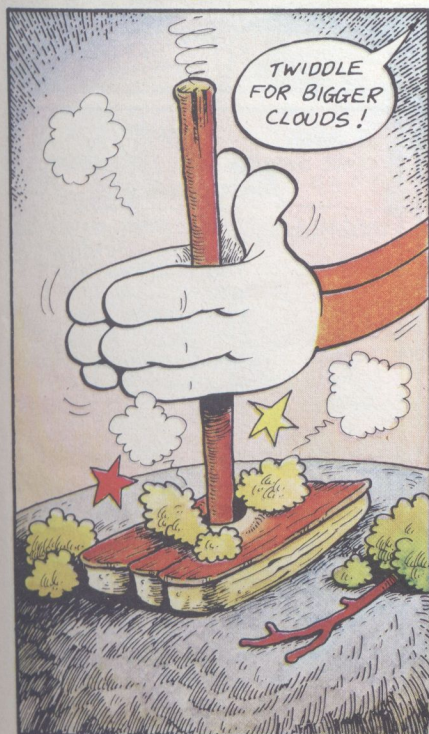
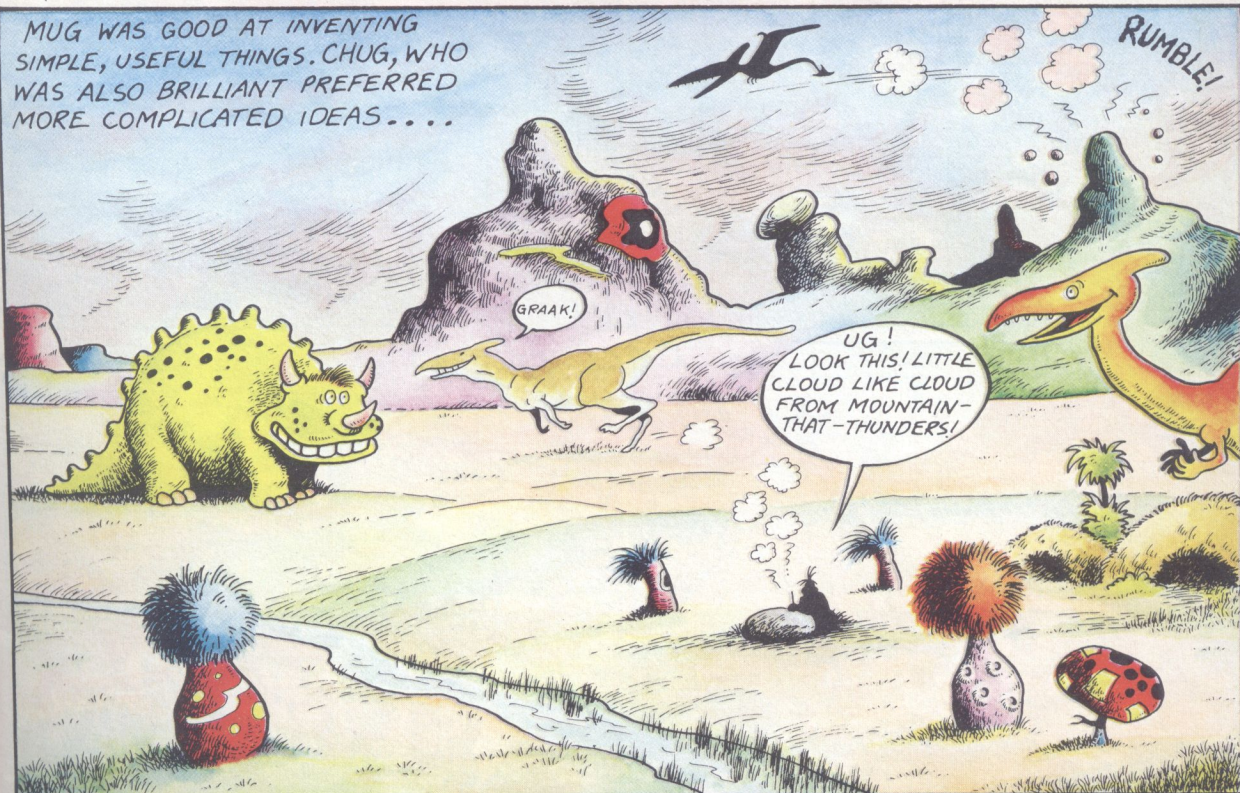
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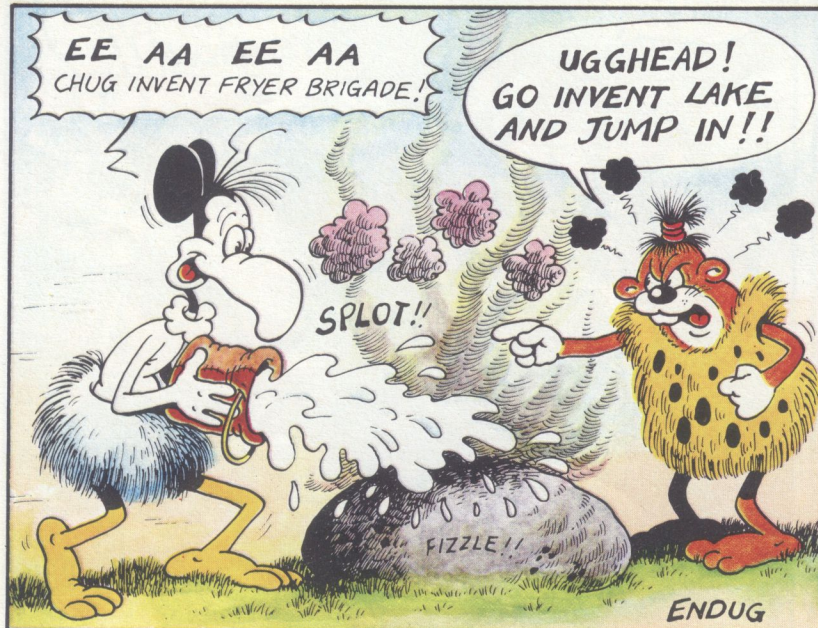
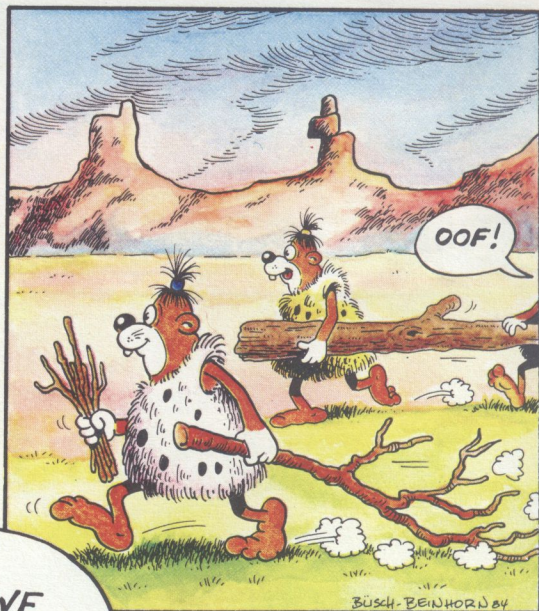
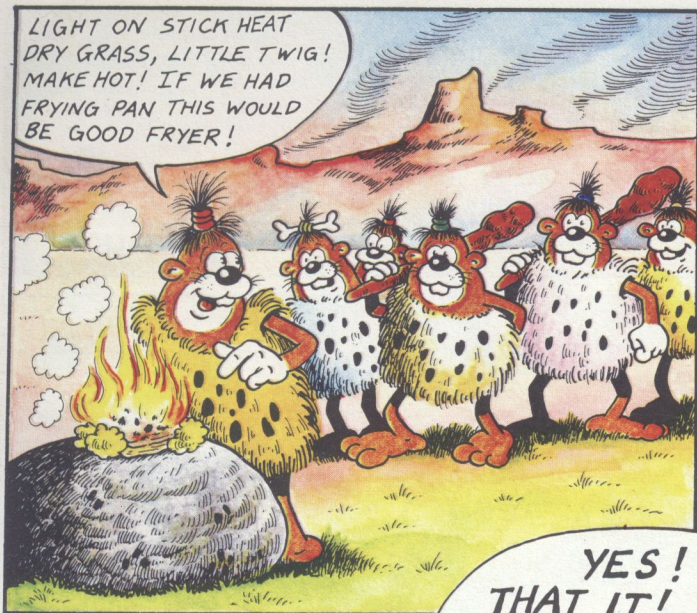


CHUG

FAR AWAY AND LONG, LONG AGO, THERE WAS A SMALL, HAPPY VALLEY THAT HAS LONG SINCE VANISHED IN THE MISTS OF TIME. HERE THERE DWELT TWO TRIBES—THE SNARGS AND THE HAMSTOGS.

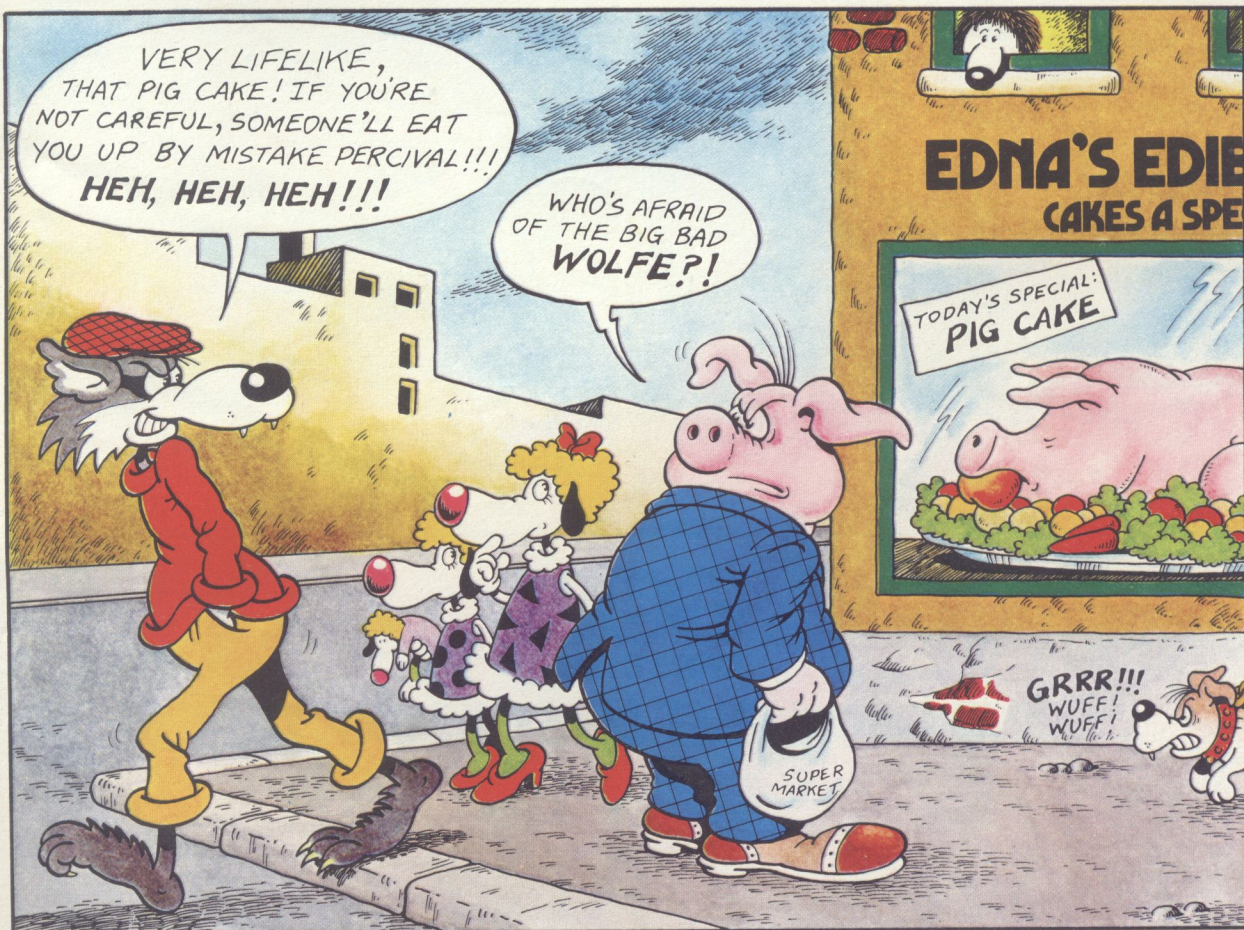
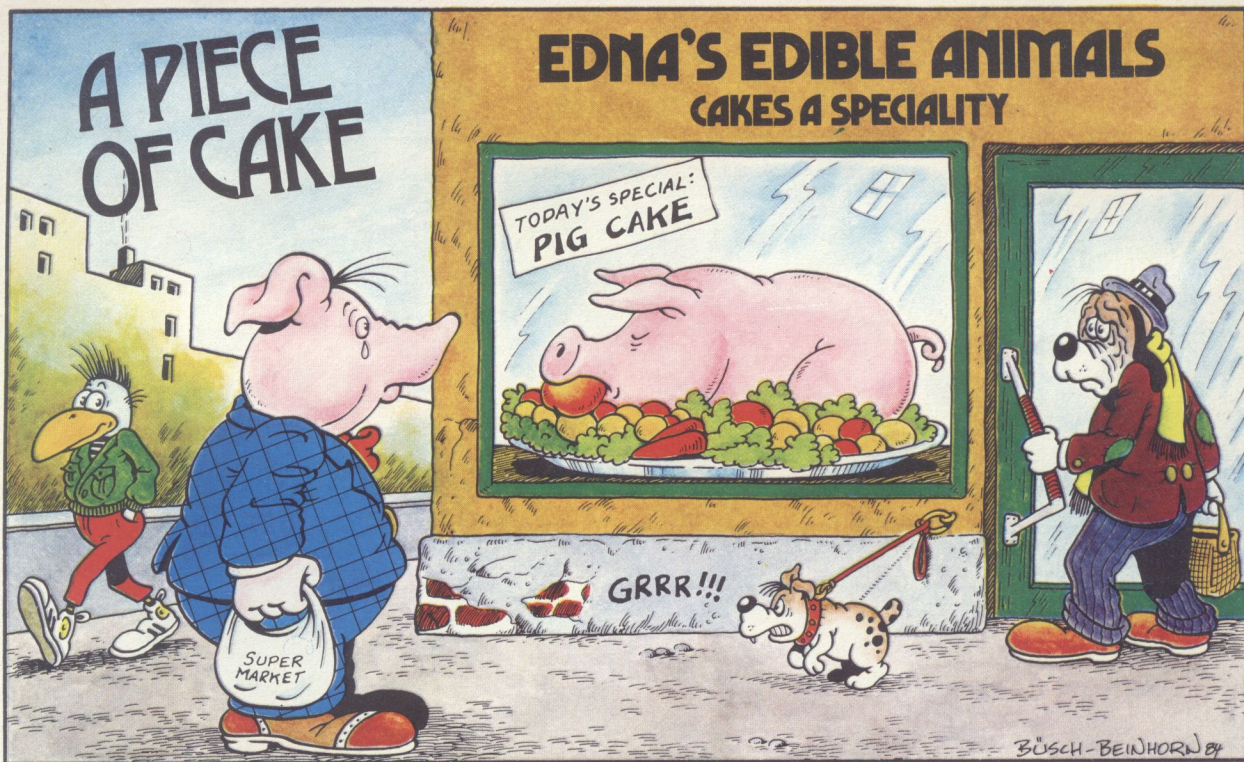
MUG WAS GOOD AT INVENTING SIMPLE, USEFUL THINGS. CHUG, WHO WAS ALSO BRILLIANT PREFERRED MORE COMPLICATED IDEAS....





A SHORT DICTIONARY OF THE SNARG AND HAMSTOG LANGUAGES

- UGGHEAD... IDIOT, FOOL, NUMBSKULL
BRILLIANT INVENTOR.
THE MODERN WORD
EGGHEAD IS SAID TO
COME FROM THIS.
- FRYER... HOT STUFF, BRIGHT,
PRODUCING SMALL CLOUDS
NOW KNOWN AS FIRE.
- ENDUG... END.
- MOUNTAIN
THAT THUNDERS.... VOLCANO.
- OOF.... WOOD-CARRYING SONG
OF THE HAMSTOG TRIBE.
- EE AA EE AA... EARLY FIRE
BRIGADE WARNING,
LATER COPIED BY
DONKEY-DRAWN FIRE
ENGINES AND FINALLY
ADOPTED BY MODERN
APPLIANCES.



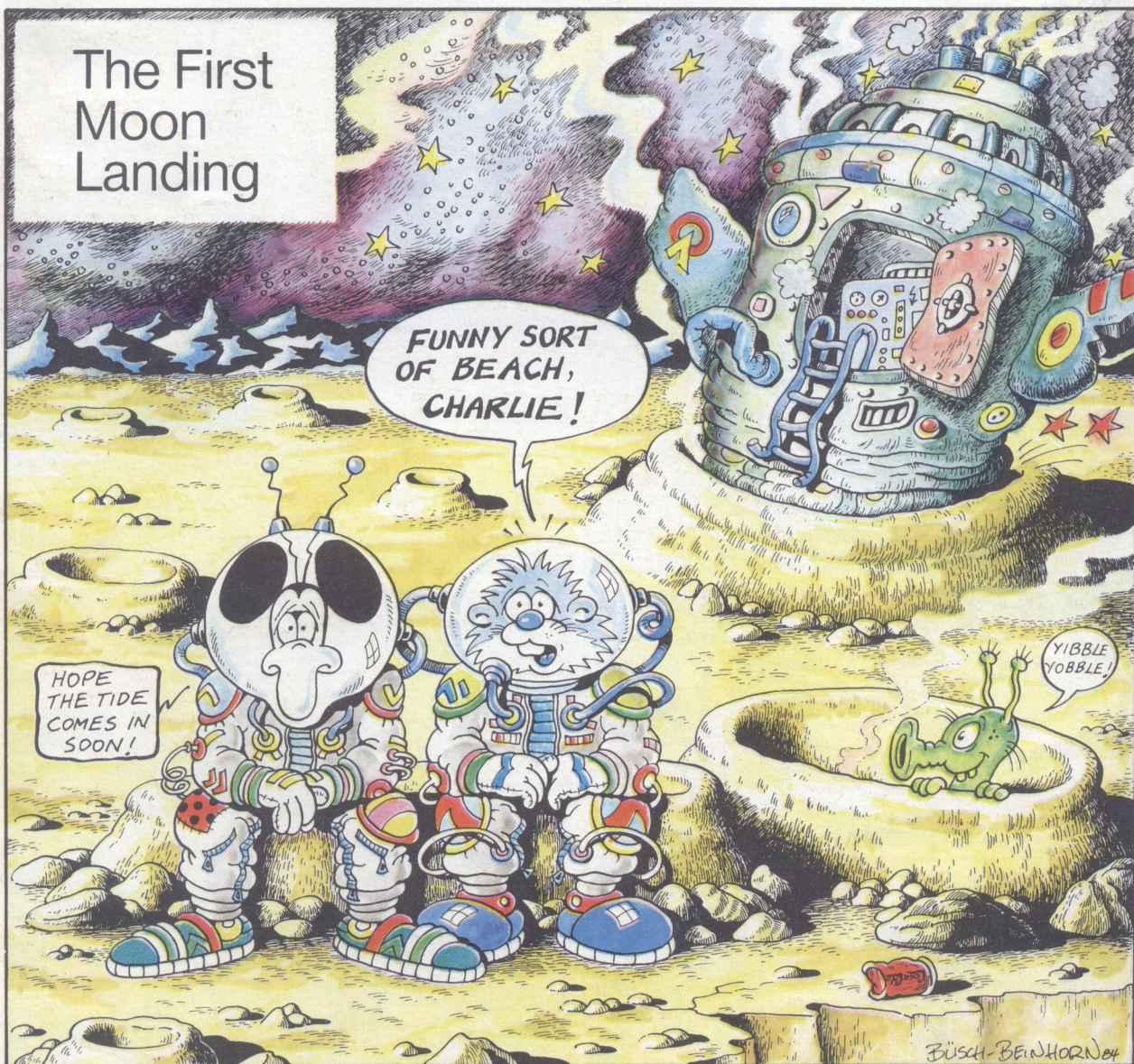
MIKE'S HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

On February 3rd, 1966, the USSR made the first soft moon landing with Luna 9.

On June 2nd, 1966, the USA followed with Surveyor 1 which sent back more than 10,000 pictures of the moon's surface.

But there had been earlier visitors to the moon – two astronauts from the Jellyville Space Centre, who landed on June 27th, 1965, while trying to get to the seaside in a home-made rocket. This photograph is all that remains of the expedition.

It shows Captain Charlie Snark (3rd from right) and Major Mike (centre).



THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES